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I would like to encourage the acceptance of the proposed settlement of this lengthy action against Microsoft. I firmly believe that the economy needs the reassurance that the government is now free of this sort of damaging mentality. The state of Washington desperately needs all the economic boost it can possible get, and Microsoft is the best hope we have for a turn around. We are one of the leading states in unemployment, and a new wave of pink slips are in the mill for several of our other major employers.

There is no doubt that Microsoft is an aggressive innovative company. It's history is an outline of the American dream, and a role model for all those other high technology startup businesses that hope to also flourish. I have heard Mr. Gates say that he is constantly looking back over his shoulder to see which one of them is going to be the one that closes in on him. This should be the function of a free and open market, not micro management review by big government. This action needs to be terminated once and for all for the good of the entire economy.

Please bring us some good news.

Thank you.

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